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From The Editor...

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Just a reminder...

Summer will return!

This month is election month! I hope that everyone has sent in their ballots for election of club officers. The results will be tabulated and announced later this month.

In the meantime, just in case you have not been to the clubhouse lately, please look at the article on page five that talks about the recent re-modeling and painting/ upkeep that has been going on around the clubhouse lately.

That old place has a whole new look! The place has not looked this good in years. A great big thanks goes out to the crew, mostly spearheaded by Al N7OMS, Rich KR7W and Bruce WE7P.

Thanks Guys!

73 Gary WG7X

Board Meeting
October 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Jill Palmer – K7Jil @: **7:13pm**
Present: Jill – K7JIL, President
Rick – KE7EMW, Vice President (and acting Secretary)
Joe – K7AWJ, Treasurer
Frank – AC7JY
Al – K7HW

Health, Welfare, Illness or Silent Key:
Joanne Souter's Memorial Service will be on Oct. 10th at 1pm in Kent.

MINUTES
It was moved and seconded to approve the Previous Meeting minutes as coordinated and/or corrected

CORRESPONDENCE AND CALENDAR:
From the Correspondence Log…
1) Received a second letter from WA State DNR to Nick Winter regarding the Crawford lease.
TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe – K7AWJ
Joe – K7AWJ reported the current checking account balance of $30,699.69 which includes $25,340.85 temporarily transferred from the investment account. A copy of the monthly summary financial report for September, 2009 is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Report: Rick – KE7EMW

Membership Count: 337

Hamfest: Larry - KD4VOM; Al - K7HW; Rick - KE7EMW
Initial revenue figures higher than recent years – still waiting on final bill from Bethel Jr. High for use of the facility.

Salmon Run Fundraiser: Harry – W7HSA, Al – N7OMS, Rick KE7EMW
35 Counties contacted
2,381.57 donations received thus far
"Bills" not yet printed and mailed

W7DK at the Fair: Pat – WT7N

The displays and equipment are currently "stored" in the back corner of the classroom – awaiting a more permanent storage location.
Stephen Morton – AD7AB has expressed interest in becoming the new W7DK at the Fair Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Repeater Move: It was moved a seconded to authorize up to $250.00 to purchase heliax connectors requested by Nick – K7MO – motion carried.
Once the connectors are in-hand, it will take 2-3 weeks to accomplish the move of the repeater and IRLP system to their new location in the clubhouse.

Furnace Duct Repair: Status: Open
Frank AC7JY has obtained two estimates and is soliciting additional estimates for insulating the furnace ducting.
$360 (w/ $500 min) to insulate the ducts OR $1171.53 to both insulate AND seal the seams with a special product.
$1050.00 (no seam sealing – just insulation)

Clubhouse Alarm System: Status: Pending
Purchase of the Alarm system bill of materials approved – pending available time and action of Rick – KE7EMW, RCT Safety and Security Officer. Rick hopes to begin the project in November.

Clubhouse Basement Water/gutter drains: Status: Open
Run-off tubes have been installed at the base of the gutters.

Clubhouse Cleanup: Status: In-Progress

Al – N7OMS has spear-headed several work parties in recent weeks. Doing: outside paint prep, outside painting, window sill repair/ installation, lawn work, removal of old fencing, fence posts/concrete, etc…
Blinds for the windows are on order.

It was moved and seconded to authorize an additional $300.00 from the 2008 Salmon Run Funds to cover expenses for new porch rails and ongoing improvements .

Equipment Loan Policy: Status Open

The Board approved an interim procedure, pending completion of the clubs Property Management SOP, to establish a list of knowledgeable members to assist or train other members in the use of the analyzer, and to require a signed promissory note prior to any loan, to cover any damage to the Mac Park's Analyzer and other equipment.

Establishing the list is pending…

Property Selection Team: Status – Open

Established Team in May – Gary WG7X heading up.
Select what to keep and what to sell, by coordinating the tube inventory list with the Museum Manager, HF Station Manager and Field Day planners, and then secure Board approval so that the IRT team can turn the un-needed tubes into funds for club operations, and make storage room at the same time.

Ad-hoc committee to propose amendments to the Bylaws and, if necessary, Article Two (Purpose) of the Articles of Incorporation.
Jill – K7JIL will take under advisement the Board's recommendation to allow the Planning Team to continue this task and announce her appointments in the near future.
Status Pending.

Audit Committee: Presidental appoint of two members to serve as the Audit Committee assigned to review the Club's financial records for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009.
Status Pending

Assistant Treasurer: Rick – KE7EMW coordinating volunteers/interested parties – NO RESPONSE THUS FAR.

NEW BUSINESS
Upcoming Election – Vice President, Secretary, and three board members at large
Election Committee

SECTION FOUR - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(B) At the conclusion of nominations from the floor during the October regular meeting the President shall appoint an election committee consisting of a chairperson and at least two other full members none of who [sic] may be candidates for election. This committee shall be responsible for composition, distribution and collection of all ballots.

Election Time Frame

Due to bylaw requirements, the time-frame for administering the election this year is the tightest possible scenerio. The election committee cannot be appointed until the conclusion of the October business meeting (Oct 14th) and the resulting ballots must be in the mail 6 days later (by October 20th.) Nominees should be encouraged to prepare their platform statements ahead of time.

Crawford Repeater Site Lease:
The WA State DNR is selling off communications sites to a third party which will, in turn, lease these facilities as they see fit. Existing Amateur Radio Repeater leases will be honored until they expire (at $100/.year.) Any lease that expires prior to July 1, 2010 can be renewed for a maximum of 5 years. Nick – K7MO believes our lease does expire before July 1st 2010 and will verify that ASAP. Nick suggests that we do renew for the maximum of 5 years (assuming we do qualify.)

DISCUSSION TOPICS
Property Management: Pending
Status: Open
Marsh Equipment List vs. insurance coverage update request – Insured equipment property list does not match even our limited equipment property holdings

Loose ends remain from the Hamfest and Consignment/Donations.

Multiple items require triage, inventory, and accounting to make the equipment database current.

Most of the gear remains at KD4VOM QTH due to lack of available club storage space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
ADJOURNMENT:
It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

GeneraMeeting
28 October MINUTES

The 28 October Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . Vice President Rick Rose KE7EMW called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President: Rick Rose – KE7EMW
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Joe Lester K7AWJ
Board Member: Frank Palmer – AC7JY
Board Member: Harry Adams – W7HSA

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 48 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Vice President Rick KE7EMW

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed and guests welcomed.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: Jill K7JIL is out with the flu, as is Casey WY7V

It was reported that Mario Badua KD6ILO, now living in San Diego, and known my many of our members has suffered a stroke

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence & Calendar: Larry reports the usual bank statements and utility bills, along with election ballots are coming in. *A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of these minutes.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Lester K7AWJ

Financial information available on request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports the membership count stands at 337

PROGRAM: Ken, K7ELF introduced tonight's program provided by Frank AC7JY

Getting Started in DX'ing

A video shared by Frank Palmer. Veteran operators share their secrets for successful Dxing – including a discussion of equipment and skills needed for success, a segment on using Packet Cluster as a DX aid, and proof that you can work DX with a modest station.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Speaker/Call

Annual Awards Banquet: Rick KE7EMW reports that the usual site for our Annual Awards Banquet (TACID) is already booked and not available. He is checking into the Lakewood community center where we were a couple of years ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Election: Members were reminded that the annual election ballots are in the mail. They were also advised that due to an error, the first ballot should be ignored and the only ballots which will be counted will be the second mailing where the ballot is printed on a lavender colored paper. (The candidate's statements remain ok).

Due to the Library Administration building being closed on 11 November, we will meet at Pacific Lutheran University, in the University Center building, room 133, thanks to arrangements made by Harry W7HSA and Doug AD7AV

Ward Silver N0AX will be the speaker at our 9 December meeting, mark you calendars for this program.

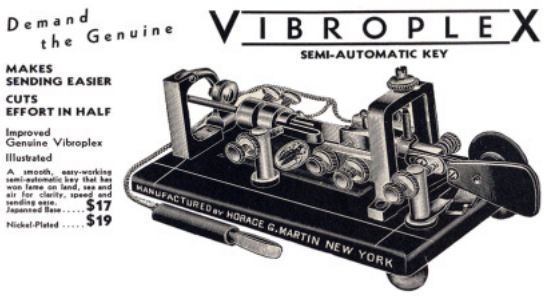
HINTS AND KINKS:

Solar Cycle: Bill, AD7QI reports a sunspot has shown up and may be the beginning of the next cycle.

Unicycle Contact: Harry W7HSA reports a CW contact with a ham operating from a unicycle

DOOR PRIZE: The USB to serial port converter was won by Jeff Hewitt, KD7CTR

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm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Improved Genuine Vibroplex
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A smooth, easy-working semi-automatic key that has won fame on land, sea and air for clarity, speed and sending ease.
Japanned Base..... $17
Nickel-Plated..... $19
MANUFACTURED BY HORACE G. MARTIN NEW YORK

Clubhouse Remodeling Continuing. By Barkie Staff Reporter

Hey Joe... have you been by the RCT Clubhouse lately? Drop by and check improvements out. Take a look at the photos... Shown is the new porch railing with new exterior colors. Can you tell that two posts were removed and three new ones were added to give the porch a symmetrical look? Also, notice the new balustrades and balusters The opening in the railing was changed to be on center with the steps. Now the clubhouse visitor is directed to the steps toward the sidewalk instead possibly off the stoop. The whole front porch improvements make the clubhouse more inviting.

Take a gander in the classroom, the HF Station, and the Doc Spike Museum. These areas have new "window treatments", as they say on the Home and Garden channel. The windows in the classroom and stairway were trimmed out with new woodworking to frame the opening for the new blinds. A number of folks have commented about how nice the classroom now looks. The window in the HF station room doesn't have that old shade that was 10 inches too small.

All of these improvements were paid for with donations from you, Joe, and the other club members who donated to the 2008 Salmon Run Fund Raiser.

But wait Joe... there's more. Upcoming improvements to the radio club's biggest asset... the Clubhouse... will be an improved burglar alarm system, Spearheaded by club **Vice Prez, Rick Rose KE7EMW**; the two meter repeater will be moved down stairs to make room for an additional operating position in the HF Room; and outside lighting will be added by **Al N7OMS** and his band of worker-bees.

Thanks to **Al N7OMS** and his band of worker-bees: **Bruce WE7P**– painting, baluster, and blinds installation, **Pat WT7N**– painting and choosing and ordering the window coverings, **Rich KR7W**– carpentry, **Chuck AC7QN**– carpentry, and **Al N7OMS**– who spear headed the design, installation, and buying pizza and tacos.

Fotos by Al N7OMS

ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Roger (WA7ANJ) and Lucy (NONE)

Iowa is a great state! It HAS to be! Some of the cities claim FIVE seasons. Starship Captain James Tiberius Kirk will be born in Riverside on March 22, 2228. We visited an Aviation Museum that had one Piper J-3 Cub – (for a donation, you can get a free ride) Also, a J-1 – one of only two left. I didn't know they even made ONE!

The purpose of the trip was to visit Lucy's family – her brothers, cousins, nieces, and nephews, in-laws and outlaws.

Along the way, I remembered that George, KK7FM, had moved from Tacoma to Iowa, checked QRZ.com, and there he was, in Des Moines, our very first stop! A couple of phone calls later, and we arranged a nice "all you can eat" buffet – with George AND two Radio Club presidents and various members - about 90 minutes worth!

I believe that two clubs exist due to missions needs. Some are into Sky Warn systems, others are equipment builders – (surface mount, kits) – and they ALL operate! Lucy's photos show the members of both of the clubs.

For a Rom (REALLY! Old Man) like me, I realized that Cedar Rapids is Ham Radio Mecca!

Collins Road – Rockwell Collins building – a beam antenna so big. . . How big was it??? I'd guess it could go the great circle route, dc to daylight, moon bounce for echo FX, and heat up the atmosphere just by cooling down. You can judge from the pictures.

Comment from George while perusing the article . . . You can find a copy of his club's "Static Sheet: " on the web at DMRAA.org . . ." and "73 to all in Tacoma. De KK7FM George". George is in the Tacoma club directory since he is still a member here.

And lest we forget, the YL and the OM became the OM and XYL on October 4, 2009!

The Des Moines, Iowa radio club meeting.

Roger and Des Moines club president above.

Left, Roger WA7ANJ and George KK7FM.

Wash-Jam 2009, W7J Special Event for the Jamboree-On-The-Air

Some of our members attended and put on a special event for the "WashJam" scouting jamboree held on North Fort Lewis this last August. Steve AD7VL was the event coordinator and he was ably assisted by: Jody AD7WC, Greg KE7BAO, Grant W7SMS, Phil K7AYS, Worth W7WG, Jan K7HTU, Karl K7KHJ, Jeff WA7OWL, Rick KE7EMW and last but not least, Larry Lapont from the Northbend ARC.

More than two hundred scouts attained their radio merit badge by getting on the air with Steve and the crew!

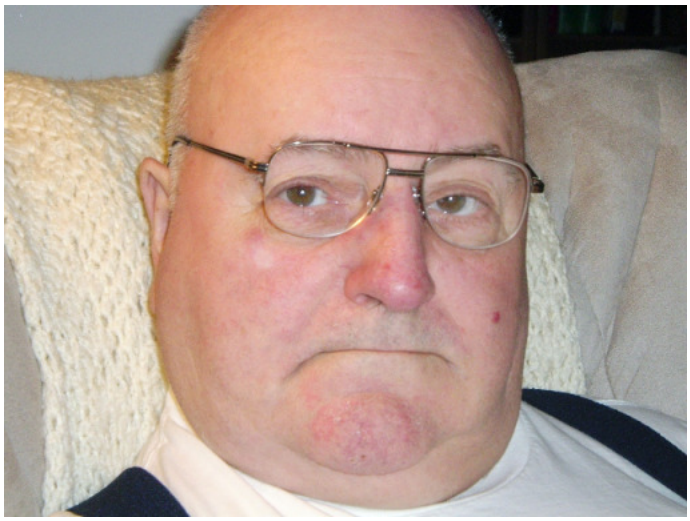
They had 2 VHF and one HF station going at the same time and various local and distant Hams were checking in to give the scouts a chance to get that much-needed on-air time, with highlights being a contact into Spain, and another low-power QSO into California.

… And NOW… A word From Steve!

You Guys Better shape **UP**, or I'll get the

RETTYSNITCH

after you!



But seriously folks… Steve Blacksten AD7VLand Lee Chambers KI7SS did a bit of public relations at the Department of Revenue in Tumwater Last September. Looking Below, we see Lee and Steve at their station. HF station is on the right and the VHF is on the left. The VHF station has that interesting dual loop antenna, and the HF station is using a Screw-driver antenna. Both of these antennas were home-brewed by Steve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOVEMBER

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
3	John Sanfilippo	**KE7ZYD**	2399
7	Rich Patrick	**KR7W**	2172
8	Dave Richards	**N7DAR**	1577
8	Maury Kurtz	**W7OT**	2187
8	Russ Ornellas	**KE7ROF**	2365
8	Vernon Page		2414
10	Garry Olson	**KE7ZXY**	2398
11	Carl Erickson	**KC7F**	2309
11	Charles Moorhead	**KE7YBN**	2383
14	Dean (Griff) Griffin	**KE7KZD**	2426
14	Trish Stanfield	**KE7ZYF**	2401
16	Ken Shattock	**KC7ZJC**	1986
17	Bill Morgan	**W7GPR**	709
18	Willie Bourlet	**W7NXK**	1098
21	Jeff Freedman	**K7JF**	1290
21	Peter Baker	**AD7EU**	2221
24	Alan Hughes	**KB7SVU**	1567
24	Bruce Perrussel	**WB7TVS**	2297
24	Don Drake	**AD7VU**	2218
26	Andrew Danisher	**W7RW**	748
27	Doug Eckler	**KE7CMF**	2295
29	Jack Davis	**W7IMW**	1318
29	Vikki Carter	**KC7TCX**	2101

VE REPORT John AC7WW

Twenty candidates were at the Radio Club of Tacoma's clubhouse on Tuesday October 13th 2009. Fourteen Volunteer Examiners graded eighteen exams for Technician class, with seventeen being passed. Eighteen element three exams were graded with one being passed. Three Extra exams were graded with only one passed.

Thirteen of the candidates were from the weekend Tech class conducted by Stephen Morton, AD7AB.

Seventeen new Technician class operators joined the Amateur Service. One candidate upgraded to General class and one candidate upgraded to Extra class. One candidate did not earn an upgrade at this session.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Harry, W7HSA	Steve, AD7VL	Al, K7HW
Al, AC7BU	Jon, AD7AW	Rich, KK7VH
Casey, WY7V	Joe, K7AWJ	Stephen, AD7AB
Bob, AD7LJ	Mike, AD7TH	Roddney, WV7O
Bill, AD7QI		

The next scheduled testing session will be Tuesday, November 10th.

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Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5 Central Tacoma Packet: 144.970
Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5
Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

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To RCT Member:

NOVEMBER 2009 EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS: Wednesdays November 11th and 25th at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting: Wednesday November 3rd 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Support our club: Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz.

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz.